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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL YEAR AND HOLIDAYS
1946 - 1947

PROVISIONS OF THE SCHOOL ACTS

The school year shall consist of two terms, the first of which shall begin on the first Tuesday of September following Labour Day and shall end on the 22nd day of December, and the second of which shall begin on the 3rd day of January and end on the 29th day of June.

When the 3rd day of January is a Friday, the schools shall not be opened until the following Monday, and when the 29th day of June or the 22nd day of December is a Monday, the schools shall be closed on the preceding Friday.

Every Saturday, every public holiday, the week following Easter Day, and every day proclaimed a holiday by the authorities of the municipality in which the teacher is engaged, and every day upon which a school is closed under the provisions of The Public Health Act, or the regulations of the Department of Education shall be a school holiday.

HOLIDAYS

2. The following are the holidays in the schools during the school year 1946-47:
   (1) Thanksgiving Day.
   (2) Remembrance Day — November 11th.
   (3) December 21st - 31st, inclusive — part of Christmas vacation.
   (4) The first five days of January — part of Christmas vacation.
   (5) Easter holidays — April 4th - 13th — both days included.
   (6) Victoria Day — May 24th.
   (7) The Anniversary of the King's Birthday.
   (8) Summer vacation — June 28th - September 1st, both days included.

DATES OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

3. The following are the dates of the opening and closing of the High, Continuation, Public and Separate Schools:

Open	September 3rd	Close	December 20th
Reopen	January 6th	Close	April 3rd
Reopen	April 14th	Close	June 27th

NUMBER OF TEACHING DAYS

4. In the High, Continuation, Public and Separate Schools, the number of teaching days is as follows:

September	20	January	20
October	23	February	20
November	20	March	21
December	15	April	16
	—	May	22
	78	June	20
			—
			119
		Total	197

P.S.: As the exact dates of the Anniversary of the King's Birthday and Thanksgiving Day have not yet been proclaimed, the deduction has not been made from the above. The total number of teaching days for the academic year will be 195.

Number of teaching days for *calendar year* 1946 — 197; for *calendar year* 1947 — 196.

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EXTRACT FROM MEMORANDUM

For Secondary School Principals and Secretaries of Secondary School Boards

Re Co-operation with Ontario Farm Service Force, 1946

5. For September, 1946

The Minister of Education announces that a Board of Trustees may close any secondary school or grade under its control for a period not exceeding four weeks after the statutory date of re-opening, September 3, 1946, to permit the pupils of such school or grade to help in harvesting, processing, preserving and canning food. Every Board which closes a school or grade under this authority shall notify the Minister of the action it has taken.

Pupils who are enrolled in schools or grades which are not closed and who during the summer holidays were employed in essential work connected with the food supply and whose services are required further are asked to remain at their work during September. The principals and teachers of these pupils, who are rendering patriotic services, are expected to make special provisions for them on their return to school to enable them to overtake the school work they have missed. The principals will report the names of these pupils who are seeking departmental certificates so that they may be referred to the Special Revising Board for such action as may be possible if they should fail in the examinations of 1947.

So that there may be no loss of grants to Boards, principals and teachers shall register the attendance of the pupils of schools or grades closed and of pupils working under the conditions referred to in the preceding paragraph as if such pupils were actually in attendance at school.

TORONTO, MAY, 1946.

For June, 1947

NOTICE TO PRINCIPALS

In order to obtain uniformity in the system of attendance recording during the period of the Departmental Examinations in June and to enable Boards to earn their full attendance grant, teachers are asked to comply with the following instructions.

Elementary Schools

In all schools and class rooms not in use for the writing of the High School Entrance examinations, the teaching sessions and the recording of attendance shall continue till June 27th, 1947, as required by the Statutes.

In all schools and class rooms in actual use for the writing of the High School Entrance examinations, attendance shall be recorded for all classes to the end of June 27th, 1947. This includes the Entrance class itself.

Pupils who have been granted Entrance Certificates on the recommendation of the Principal may be permitted to retire from school one week before the beginning of the Entrance Examinations. Attendance shall be credited to them to the end of the month.

Secondary Schools

(1) All Secondary schools with no candidates for the Upper School examinations will continue in session till the statutory date of closing, viz., June 27th, 1947.

(2) Principals of Secondary schools having candidates for the Upper School examinations will carry on the sessions of the lower grades as the exigencies of accommodation and teaching adjustments demand. In such cases, attendance shall be recorded to June 27th, 1947. Credit may also be given for the attendance of those pupils writing on the Upper School examinations.

(3) In all Secondary schools where grades may have been dismissed to accommodate the High School Entrance examinations, credit for attendance of those grades may be given until June 27th, 1947.

(4) If for any lawful reason the school year varies for different rooms in a school, the average number of teaching days for the entire school shall be derived as in the following example,—

In the case of a ten-roomed school with four rooms in session for 196 days and six rooms for 186 days, the calculation would be,—

4	rooms	for	196	days	= 1 room	for	784 days
6	"	"	186	"	= 1 "	"	1116 "
10	"	"	190	"	= 1 "	"	1900 "

Average number of days, 190.

TORONTO, JUNE 1ST, 1946.

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